

congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 (H. Rept. 106–578); and

H. Res. 475, providing for consideration of H.R. 3615, to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to ensure improved access to the signals of local television stations by multichannel video providers to all households which desire such service in unserved and underserved rural areas by December 31, 2006 (H. Rept. 106–579).

Pages H2206–36, H2237–38

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Chip Lingle of Savannah, Georgia.

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Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 94, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations. By a yeas and nays vote of: 234 yeas to 192 nays, with 2/3 required for passage, Roll No. 119.

Pages H2131–47

H. Res. 471, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H2128–31

Clean Lakes Program: The House passed H.R. 2328, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program by a yeas and nays vote of 420 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 120.

Pages H2149–56, H2163–64

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to the Traficant amendment that encourages the purchase of American-made products and requires a report on expenditures on foreign-made items within 180 days of the purchase.

Pages H2155–56

Withdrawn:

Stupak amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit the sale of fresh water from the Great Lakes.

Pages H2153–55

H. Res. 468, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H2147–48

Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act: The House passed H.R. 3039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay by a yeas and nays vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 121.

Pages H2156–63, H2164

Agreed to the Traficant amendment that encourages the purchase of American-made products and requires a report on expenditures on foreign-made items within 180 days of the purchase. **Page H2163**

H. Res. 470, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H2148–49

Suspension—Strategic Petroleum Reserve: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2884, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003 by a yeas and nays vote of 416 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 122. The motion was debated on Tuesday, March 11.

Pages H2164–65

Spring District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 303, providing for the adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

Page H2206

Recess: The House recessed at 9:49 p.m. and reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on page H2240.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2146–47, H2163–64, H2164, and H2165. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on Review of federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Report of Overseas Presence Advisory Panel. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Felix G. Rohatyn, U.S. Ambassador to France; and the following members of the Overseas Presence Advisory Panel, Department of State: Lewis Kaden, Chairman; former Ambassador Langhorne Motley, and Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., USN (Ret.).

**LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

**VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AMERICA'S PRIVATE INVESTMENT
COMPANIES ACT; NEW MARKETS
INITIATIVE ACT**

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2764, America's Private Investment Companies Act; and H.R. 2848, New Markets Initiative Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 3383, amended, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; H.R. 3906, amended, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; S. 1236, amended, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; and a measure to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health.

The Subcommittee failed to approve for full Committee consideration H.R. 623, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to eliminate certain regulation of plumbing supplies.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4055, IDEA Full Funding Act of 2000; and H.R. 3629, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III.

The Committee also continued markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

FEHBP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "The Failure of the FEHBP Demonstration Project: Another Broken Promise?" Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham, Moran of Virginia, and Norwood; William E. Flynn, Director, Retirement and Insurance Programs, OMB; Rear Adm. Thomas F. Carrato, USN, U.S. Public Health Service, Director, Military Health Systems Operations, Tricare Management Activity, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

HAITI—EMERGING DRUG THREAT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on the Emerging Drug Threat from Haiti. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Don Steinberg, Special Haiti Coordinator, Department of State; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Carl Alexandre, Director, Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training, Criminal Division; and Michael Vigil, Senior Agent in Charge, Miami, DEA; John Varrone, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Rear Adm. Ed. J. Barrett, USCG, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force East, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION FOR THE
COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF PRIVACY
PROTECTION**

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Legislative Hearing to Establish the Commission for the Comprehensive Study of Privacy Protection". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**"REINVENTING PAPERWORK?: THE
CLINTON-GORE ADMINISTRATION'S
RECORD ON PAPERWORK REDUCTION"**

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "Reinventing Paperwork?: The Clinton-Gore Administration's Record on Paperwork Reduction". Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; John T. Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, OMB; Nancy Kingsbury, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, General Government Division, GAO; Morton Rosenberg, Specialist in American Law, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

U.S.-EUROPEAN UNION RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States-European Union Relations: The View from the European Parliament. Testimony was heard via video conference from the following Members of the European Parliament: Mel Read, Chairperson, Karla Peijs, Vice Chairman, both with the Delegation for Relations with the U.S.; Elmar Brok, Chairman, Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, And Common Security and Defense Policy; and Carlos Wesendorp y Cabeza, Chairman, Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 449, congratulating the people of Senegal on the success of the multi-party electoral process; and H.R. 3879, amended, Sierra Leone Peace Support Act.

DEMOCRACY IN THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a joint hearing on Democracy in the Central Asian Republics. Testimony was heard from Donald Pressley, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, AID, Department of State; Paul Goble, Director of Communications, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, USIA; and public witnesses.

SOUTH VIETNAM—HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND POLITICAL OPPRESSION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action, as amended, H. Con. Res. 295, relating to continuing human rights violations and political oppression in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 25 years after the fall of South Vietnam to Communist forces.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies: the Bureau of Competition of the FTC and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; Joel Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

TECHNOLOGY WORKER TEMPORARY RELIEF ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4227, Technology Worker Temporary Relief Act.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Compromising our National Security by Restricting Domestic Exploration and Development of our Oil and Gas Resources. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLay, Gekas, Largent and Fosella; David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Bob Gee, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

DATE CERTAIN TAX CODE REPLACEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4199, Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read and that the text of H.R. 4230 be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Largent.

RADIO BROADCASTING PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000. The rule makes in order the Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives clause 7 of rules XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tauzin, Oxley, Dingell, Rush and Barrett of Wisconsin.

CONFERENCE REPORT—CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich.

RURAL LOCAL BROADCAST SIGNAL ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committees on Agriculture and Commerce. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and Commerce, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte.

NASA'S MARS PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on NASA's Mars Program After the Young Report. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FIRE GRANTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Fire Grants: H.R. 1168, Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act; and H.R. 3155, Firefighter's Local-Federal Assistance for Management of Emergencies Act; and the Administration's Proposal for Assistance to Firemen. Testimony was heard from Senators DeWine and Dodd; Representatives Pascrell, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Gekas, Smith of Michigan and Hoyer; Kenneth O. Burris, Chief Op-

erating Officer, U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA; Robert A. McGuire, Deputy Associate Administrator, Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

GREAT LAKES SEDIMENT REMEDIATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 3670, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Great Lakes program. Testimony was heard from Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

VA HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on status of recruitment, retention and compensation of the VA health care workforce including nurses, physicians and dentists. Testimony was heard from Kenneth J. Clark, Chief Network Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

FUNDAMENTAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on fundamental tax reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives English, Armey, Tauzin and Traficant; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NSA LEGAL AUTHORITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on NSA Legal Authorities. Testimony was heard from Representative Barr of Georgia, George J. Tenet, Director, CIA, and Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings**IMF/WORLD BANK REFORM**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to reform of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, after receiving testimony from Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Charles Calomiris, Columbia University, New York, New York, Adam Lerrick, Lerrick and Company, Inc, Barrytown, New York, and Jerome Levinson, American University, Washington, D.C., all on behalf of the International Financial Institution Advisory Committee.

2000 BUDGET

Conferees: On Tuesday, April 11, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed

versions of H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the National Reading Panel report, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Foreign Operations, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine certain Internal Revenue Service reform issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense anthrax vaccine immunization program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on the structure of securities markets, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1361, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to resume hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the

benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; S. 522, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water; H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters; S. 2370, to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse"; H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and S. 2297, to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with protecting pension assets, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia; S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976; S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals; and S. 2367, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on the proposed Mother Teresa Religious Worker Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing and markup of H.R. 2962, Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act; and to mark up H.R. 1275, to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the interstate movement of live birds for the purpose of having the birds participate in animal fighting, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on SSA, and U.S. Institute of Peace, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.